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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE
POLITICAL PROCESS

REF: LAGOS 7512

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL PART I INFO ON MRS. BOLA IGE FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME : MRS. ATINUKE OMOBONIKE IGE

PRESENT POSITION: DEPUTY CHIEF REGISTRAR
HIGH CORT OF JUSTICE IBADAN OYO STATE.

PAST POSITIONS: : ACTING CHIEF REGISTRAR
WESTERN STATE COURT OF APPEAL, NOV. 1975
-MARCH, 1976;
CHIEF MAGISTRATE, CHIEF MAGISTRATE COURT,
OYO, APRIL 1972 - NOV. 1975.

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: APRIL 4, 1932; IBADAN, OYO STATE
PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS
PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE US: NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON SUMMER, 1972

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: GREAT BRITAIN --
SUMMERS OF 1972 & 1974; KAULA
LUMPUR, SINGAPORE AND CEYLON - SUMMER
1975

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PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NIL

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VISA ELEGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MRS. IGE IS A PROMINENT IBADAN

JURIST WHO ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND(ALSO

A SUCCESSFUL LAWYER, A FORMER ACTION GROUP PARTY POLITICIAN
AN WESTERN STATE COMMISSIONER) HAVE PLAYED A CONSPICUOUS ROLE IN
THE LEGAL, CIVIC AND GOVERNMENTAL CIRCLES OF OYO STATE. LAWYERS
FORM AN INFLUENTIAL FORCE IN THE PRESENT SHIFTING POLITICAL SITUATION
IN NIGERIA AND WITH CIVILIAN RULE SOMEWHERE IN THE FUTURE OF THINGS,
BELIEVE EXPOSURE TO U.S. POINT OF VIEW WOULD SERVE POST OBJECTIVES
WELL. BOTH MR. AND MRS. IGE ARE AMONG THOSE MOST LIKELY TO PLAY
A PROMINENT PART IN REGIONAL AND NATIONAL POLITICS WHEN CIVILIAN
RULE IS RESTORED.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: PROPOSED "WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL

PROCESS" PROGRAM WOULD GIVE MRS. IGE

OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS AT ITS MOST DYNAMIC
JUST PRIOR TO A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. EXPOSURE TO THE INTERPLAY OF
PLURALISTIC FORCES, THE DEBATE AND REFINEMENT OF POLICY CHOICES
AND OBJECTIVES, WHICH IS CHARACTERISTIC OF AN ELECTION YEAR,
WOULD GIVE MRS. AIGE A SOLID IMPRESSION OF THE US, AS A
GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM AND AS A PEOPLE. THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
WITH OTHER WOMEN INVOLVED IN POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
WOULD POINT UP NOT ONLY THE RISING POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE U.S.,
BUT ALSO THE GIVE-AND-TAKE OF INTEREST GROUPS OF ALL KINDS IN THE
AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS. PROGRAM WOULD SUPPORT CPP OBJECTIVES
I, III AND V. LIKEWISE, THE ROLE AND POSITION OF WOMEN IN AFRICAN
SOCIETIES COULD BE EXPLORED BY THE HER AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS.
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